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# STATE INDUSTRIAL WAR IS DESCRIBED BY ELLIOTT

Graphic Description of Battles Fought between Mine Guards and Strikers.

RELATES STORIES

Of Men Ambushed and Shot Down at Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

CHARLESTON, June 11.—Industrial war in West Virginia was today described to the Senate mine strike investigating committee by Adjutant General Charles D. Elliott, who described in graphic fashion battles fought between mine guards and strikers at Mucklow and Holly Grove in the Paint creek section. He told of

**Armored Trains**  
carrying machine guns that swept through the strike district and related stories of men ambushed and shot down. At least a score of skirmishes were detailed by General Elliott in nearly all of which men were killed and wounded.

General Elliott told of the capture by state troops of six machine guns capable of firing 150 shots a minute and 120,000 rounds of ammunition. He identified photographs of a

**Sheet Iron Fort**  
built by mine guards at Mucklow and told of the capture of hundreds of men-killing guns, many of them hidden in hollow trees and mountain caves after the militia took charge of the strike district. Trains held up, mine tipples burned, pitched battles between mine guards and miners were all detailed by General Elliott, who said all of the affairs were reported to him. He detailed a general engagement at Mucklow, Holly Grove and Paint creek and Ronda on Cabin creek February 10, when a mine bookkeeper and a miner named Eatep were killed. This resulted in a second declaration of martial law and General Elliott said that when he went into the field with troops the night of February 10 a dynamite bomb was found on the track ahead of his troop train.

**Not Militia Affairs.**  
"All of these affairs were between mine guards and strikers," said the general. "The militia had nothing to do with them and I know of them only through information brought to me by both sides."

General Elliott gave the committee documents showing the operation of the military which took charge of the strike district during the first martial law period, showing the disposition made of prisoners.

**PROBING COMMITTEE GETS DOWN TO WORK.**

CHARLESTON, June 11.—While the basis of their inquiry firmly laid the members of the Senate commission investigating the West Virginia coal situation today proceeded to lay bare the process by which the civil courts were stripped of their power and more than 150 square miles of West Virginia were placed under the domination of a military tribunal.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, took charge of the inquiry under that section of the Senate resolution directing a probe of the charge that citizens had been deprived of their rights under the constitution. The military officers who were concerned with the proclamation of martial law in the strike district and with the administration of affairs there under martial law whom the committee summoned yesterday were the first witnesses to be called today. Their records were needed to make clear the procedure followed by former Governor Glasscock in the proclaiming of martial law.

**"Mother" Jones Here.**  
In the midst of the group of lawyers representing the miners headed by Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio, sat a gray haired stout old woman with gray eyes, snapping from beneath heavy brows who watched every witness with intent gaze. She was "Mother" Jones, leader of the striking miners, but lately come from the bull pen of the military court and she directed the questioning of astute lawyers to the points of the miners' case as she had watched it develop in her two years in the coal fields of the state. "Mother" Jones will herself be called as one of the witnesses of the miners later in the investigation.

The committee today planned to make a flying trip into the strike territory to see conditions for itself. A special train will be taken from

## TURKISH OFFICIAL IS ASSASSINATED

Charleston through both the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek coal fields. Senator Swanson believes that one day's work in the mining district will give the committee all the local color it needs.

**Elliott a Witness.**  
Adjutant General Charles D. Elliott, who was in supreme command of the military in the strike zone, was the first witness called today. He was examined at length as to the dates on which the various periods of martial law began. General Elliott presented copies of the request of the sheriffs of Kanawha, Raleigh and Fayette counties for military aid and the various orders of former Governor Glasscock establishing martial law and placing the military in full charge of the strike zone. Under examination by Senator Borah, General Elliott described the trial of offenders by the military courts after the civil courts had been superseded. He furnished copies of the order of the commission in a list of cases disposed of.

The documents produced by General Elliott showed fifty-one sentenced by the military court. Philvate E. L. Long, tried for the murder of Ira Ridd, was acquitted by the court martial. Robert Hartigan, a mine guard charged with doing police duty as a non-resident of the state, was sentenced twice according to the list, each time to pay a fine of \$500 and to serve six months in prison. In another similar case a guard was fined \$100 and sentenced to sixty days.

**Other Sentences.**  
Other sentences shown by the list were for intimidation of workmen, thirty-two prisoners, six months each; carrying concealed weapons, two prisoners, one day; five prisoners six months, one prisoner one year; carrying steel knuckles, one prisoner fined \$50; unlawful stabbing, two prisoners one year; false statement to officers, one prisoner thirty days; disorderly conduct, one prisoner three months; larceny, one prisoner \$10 and ten days. Altogether the list accounted for all but two cases under the military law last fall, the first martial law period. These two cases were lost, "missing from the files."

**Orders Modified.**  
General Elliott detailed the orders restoring martial law to the strike zone in February of this year. These orders, he said, were modified by an order issued by Governor Hatfield May 29 annulling that portion of the proclamation which placed the military authorities above the civil courts. The militia, the witness said, was not working under the civil court assisting in the enforcement of the processes of the court. Most of the troops had been withdrawn, he said, only about a dozen men remaining to aid the civil authorities.

"While you were in charge of the martial law zone, you made arrests on your own responsibility without a writ or warrant from any civil court?" asked Senator Borah.

"Yes, that is right," said General Elliott.

**Governor Has Records.**  
General Elliott said that he had no records of the proceedings of the military court established under the second and third declarations of martial law. These, he said, he believed were in the possession of Governor Hatfield. General Elliott said that at one time he had 1,000 men in the field, practically the entire militia organization of the state. He could not say definitely how many armed men he had to contend with but he felt there were more arms among the strikers than among the militia.

Under cross examination by Attorney Belcher for the miners, General Elliott said that the controversy prior to the declaration of martial law was solely between the miners and operators.

"Was there any state of insurrection in the strike zone prior to the declaration of martial law?" asked Mr. Belcher.

**Civil Court Refused.**  
"The governor evidently thought there was," said the witness, who said he had information to the effect that miners and their friends had armed themselves to resist the

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By Two Armed Men with Revolvers While He is in a Motor Car.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 11.—The Turkish grand vizier was assassinated at noon today by two men armed with revolvers who attacked him while he was proceeding in his motor car to the Sublime Porte.

LONDON, Eng., June 11.—A report reached London this morning from Constantinople that the Turkish grand vizier and minister of war had been assassinated in Constantinople.

## CRIMINAL COURT

Of the County is Trying Claude A. Allman on Felonious Theft Charge.

Claude D. Allman was on trial in the criminal court Wednesday on an indictment charging him with the felonious theft of a suit of clothes belonging to George Swiger.

Robert A. Swiger got his case continued until the next term of the court but he was required to give a bond of \$500 for his appearance then to answer the indictment against him.

An indictment against Samuel Ansel was quashed but bond of \$500 was required of him to answer an indictment at the next term of the court, if one be found against him.

Ed Crutchfield, colored, charged with shooting Charley Maryland, colored, in a heel with intent to kill him, was acquitted by jury.

A felony indictment against Thurl Wiseman was quashed.

## BROTHER ARRESTED

On Suspicion of Being Implicated in the Murder of a Violinist.

GALESBURG, Ill., June 11.—Ernest Lindoft, of Abington, Ill., was arrested today on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of his brother, Prof. Charles A. Lindoft, the violinist, who was killed early Tuesday morning in his home in Galesburg. Bloodhounds placed on the trail early today followed a scent to a room in which Ernest Lindoft had spent the night. Until the bloodhounds started the sheriff and police were baffled as no clues had been found.



John E. Day, of Wheeling, W. Va., Secretary Semi-Centennial Commission.

## JUNE 15TH IN THE CURCHES.

Every church in West Virginia will observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of the State, Sunday, June 15th.

## MAY BOND TOWN.

A movement is on foot at Northview to hold a special election to bond the town for \$22,000 for a water works system.

## NEW COUNCILMAN.

Albert Chartrand has resigned as a councilman at Northview and James P. Huffington has been appointed his successor.

## "LOADED TO THE GUARDS" WITH LAW

Senator Goff, of West Virginia, Found To Be "Simply in Cloyer" When Tackled By Younger Statemen.



Under a Washington date line of June 8 the following article appeared in the Baltimore Sun:

To have been elected to the United States Senate after serving in a presidential cabinet thirty years before is an experience that has come to but one man in American public life.

The case of Nathan Goff, senator from West Virginia, has no parallel in the history of the country. It stands out as unique in many respects and unprecedented in others.

Senator Goff was secretary of the navy under President Hayes. He was appointed to succeed Richard M. Thompson, in 1881, and served for a year.

Later the distinguished West Virginian was appointed to the federal bench. He served for years as judge of the Fourth United States circuit, and hoped to remain in that position for the remainder of his life.

One morning, however, he awoke to find himself elected to the United States senate. He had not been a candidate for the office. He had asked no man to vote for him or work for him. He had taken but casual interest in the deadlock in the legislature. He was even out of the state holding court when the election took place.

And it can be safely guessed that no other senator now holding a seat in the upper branch of Congress can say as much. To most of the "elder statesmen" senatorial seats come after prolonged and bitter fights. Some of them came easier than others, perhaps, but rarely ever in American history has a senatorship come to a man without the asking or without his knowledge.

## Elected at the Last Hour.

But it came to the junior senator from West Virginia. The Republican majority in the legislature had deadlocked. No avowed candidate could be elected. The legislative period was about to expire. On the last hour of the session Judge Goff's name was put up and carried to prevent the state from losing one of its votes in the Senate until another legislature could meet.

And already the new senator from West Virginia has given an account of himself. He has figured pre-eminent as a master of the law in Senate debates. He led the fight against an investigation by the Senate of the coal mining conditions in his state and in making it stood upon the high ground that the government had no constitutional right to interfere in the domestic affairs of a state.

It was in this debate that Senator Goff opened the eyes of some of his associates. A number of younger senators, apparently forgetting that they were dealing with a former judge of the second greatest court in the land, essayed to "teach the West

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## BARGE'S BOILER FIRES STEAMER

### GOOD GASSER

Drilled In on Little Binghamon by Binghamon Oil and Gas Company.

The Elk Grove Realty Company, operating on Little Binghamon creek, as the Binghamon Oil and Gas Company, drilled in a well Tuesday that is unusual for that section.

The well was a good gasser in the Big Injun sand, but it was decided to make a deep test of it. The fifty-foot sand added a large quantity of gas to that above and more gas was developed in the thirty foot sand, but the fourth sand was a surprise, as an immense flow of gas was encountered and drilling had to be discontinued without reaching the fifth sand.

### DIAZ'S RETURN.

PARIS, France, June 11.—A brother-in-law of ex-President Diaz of Mexico left for Mexico today to discuss with the government there the question of the return of the former dictator.

### BOAT FINISHES.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, June 11.—The motor boat, Barbara II, crossed the finishing line at 25 minutes and 20 seconds past 3 o'clock this morning in the race from Philadelphia which started Saturday at 1:30 p. m. It was first sighted at ten minutes after midnight.

## FORMER GOVERNOR WITNESS TOMORROW

### PARCEL

Post Package Instructions are Issued to Country's Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Instructions to postmasters were issued today for handling of C. O. D. parcel post packages. The regulations will be effective July 1. Charges on packages will be collected from addressees on and after that date provided the amount on a single parcel does not exceed \$100. The fee for collection will be ten cents in parcel post stamps to be affixed by the sender.

This fee also will insure the package against loss to the actual value of the contents not exceeding \$50. The sender will get a receipt showing the amount to be collected the amount also appearing on a tag attached to the package. The addressee will receive the package on the tag, which will serve as an application for a money order.

C. O. D. parcels may be accepted for mailing by rural carriers and will be delivered by city and rural carriers and special delivery messengers. Such packages will not be mailable either to the Philippines or to the Canal Zone.

### DELIVERS ADDRESS.

Dr. Chester R. Ogden, of this city, delivered an address on medical subjects at the twenty-fourth annual gathering of Baltimore and Ohio railroad surgeons which is being held in Pittsburgh this week. About 100 leading surgeons from as many different cities are present. The meetings are being held at the Schenley hotel.

### APPLICANTS ENROLL.

Applicants are enrolling this afternoon at the Central school building for the school teachers' examination there tomorrow and next day. The examination will begin at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### NEW JURY COMMISSIONERS.

The terms of Carl Hornor and A. K. Thorn, having expired as jury commissioners, Judge Raymond Maxwell Wednesday appointed Perry C. Williams and Howard B. Post to succeed them.

When It Blows Up at the Docks of the Pugh Coal Company.

### THROWN INTO RIVER

Is the Entire Deck and Many Persons Are Very Likely Killed.

RACINE, Wis., June 11.—Two score men were either killed or injured today when the boiler on the coal barge C. K. Teek unloading coal at the Pugh Coal Company's docks blew up shortly before 11 o'clock this morning.

The entire deck of the steamer, a mass of debris, was thrown into the river and the deck caught fire. Twenty-five men were aboard but how many were killed has not yet been learned.

First reports gave two men dead and four badly injured. It was thought also that other victims were still aboard the blazing boat. The boiler of the barge was blown forty feet into the air and landed some 200 feet astern of the vessel, crashing into the coal company's shed. The vessel was about to shift its position and had cast off when the accident occurred.

## COUNTY COURT

Buys a Metal Case and An Administrator Qualifies for Conley Estate.

Before the county court Wednesday George W. Starcher qualified as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Conley with bond at \$600 and John R. Cochran surety. Mr. Cochran, John Crumrine and John E. Batten will appraise the property.

The court purchased a metal case for the clerk's office at \$200 from the Canton Art Metal Company.

## BANKERS MEET

In Annual Convention and Listen to Address by Treasurer of United States.

ELKINS, June 11.—One hundred bankers, representing every part of the state, attended the opening session of the twentieth annual meeting of the West Virginia Bankers' Association here today. The morning session was devoted to organization and the reports of officers. The session was opened with a prayer by Dr. Frederick H. Barron following which an address of welcome on behalf of the Elkins bankers was made by the Hon. E. D. Talbot, which was followed by an address on behalf of the city by G. C. Moyle. To the addresses Senator Samuel V. Woods, of Philippi, responded. The Hon. John Burke, treasurer of the United States, spoke at the afternoon session.

### LIFE TERM.

FAIRMONT, June 11.—Jeff Taylor, a notorious police court character and jail breaker, has been found guilty of stabbing Rade Mikovitch. This is his third conviction for a felony and he will probably go to the state penitentiary for life as a third conviction under the statutes carries with it a life prison term. Mikovitch was not seriously stabbed.

### FAILS TO QUALIFY.

MORGANTOWN, June 11.—C. A. McClain, a street car motorman, who was recently chosen police chief by the city council after a long deadlock between it and the mayor has failed to qualify and says he will not take the position because he would be required to buy his uniforms, overcoat and other equipment out of his salary.

### FOUR INJURED.

ALLIANCE, O., June 11.—Four persons were injured two seriously early this morning when five tons of fireworks stored in the flour mill of W. A. Wilmet at Deerfield, ten miles north of here, blew up. Two churches and many residences were partly wrecked by the explosion. The total

## NEW RECORD

Of Endurance on the Floor of the Ocean is Made by Six Men.

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 11.—Six men sealed up in a new type of submarine boat surpassed the submerged endurance record on the floor of the ocean off here today. They went down yesterday morning at 5 o'clock and in a message telegraphed shortly before noon over a marine cable leading to shore declared that they expected to remain down until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

### INJURES FATAL.

MARTINSBURG, June 11.—Arthur C. Dutrow, a Baltimore and Ohio railroad conductor, is dead of injuries received when he was thrown from a train and was crushed between it and an embankment.

### BOOTHVILLE BURGLARY.

FAIRMONT, June 11.—Burglars broke into John Kennedy's store at Boothville, blew open the safe and escaped with \$34 and a large quantity of merchandise. There is no clue.

### STREET LIGHTS.

The J. H. Nichols Company has been awarded a contract to install thirty street lights at Northview.